

5G

Spanish Telcos pay €1bn+ for 5G

Source: *Advanced Television*

Telefónica, Vodafone and Orange will pay €1.01 billion for the 700 MHz-based 5G licences following the completed public auction. [[read more](#)].

TELEVISION

Global Smart TV Ownership to exceed 50% by 2026

Source: *Broadband TV News*

More than half (51%) of all households worldwide will own a smart TV by 2026, corresponding with 1.1 billion homes, according to Strategy Analytics. [[read more](#)].

5G Broadcast first in Spain

Source: *Broadband TV News*

CRTVG has become the first Spanish public channel to carry out a live broadcast using 5G technology. [[read more](#)].

DSA / DMA

How to make Digital Services Act Future-Proof?

Source: *Euractiv*

It's time to set a clear, fair and universal base law for the internet or we risk harming our economy. Fixing an issue for one sector in the DSA may tilt the playing field for everyone else. We need a horizontal framework, she argues. [[read more](#)].

REGULATION

Italian Telecoms Regulator obliges Online Marketplaces and Search Engines to submit Financial Information

Source: *Cullen International*

Providers of online intermediation services and search engines must disclose information related to their revenues and operations in Italy or linked to the Italian territory to the Italian telecoms authority (AGCOM) by 30 September 2021. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

MARKET ANALYSIS

Commission raises Serious Doubt about Irish Regulator's Analysis of Fixed Voice Markets

Source: *Cullen International*

The Commission criticised the Irish regulator's definition of the relevant market due to the exclusion of mobile calls and its approach to geographic analysis. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

CONSUMER

Telecoms Firms need to do more to help Customers Struggling to Pay Bills

Source: *Ofcom*

Last year, we reported on the challenges some customers face when it comes to paying their telecoms bills, and what providers were doing to help them. We welcome the action some companies have taken since then to introduce low-cost packages for people on benefits. [[read more](#)].

RADIO

A Small-Scale Revolution for Local Radio

Source: Ofcom

Thousands of listeners across the UK will be able to enjoy a richer and wider range of radio programming thanks to an innovative new technology called small-scale DAB. [[read more](#)].

ECS'S/POST ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

RSPG highlights Importance of Spectrum Policy in managing Climate Change

Source: Policy Tracker

Over the last few years, becoming carbon-neutral has become a major priority for EU legislators. The 2019 “European Green Deal” created a new agenda for the 27- member bloc that is designed to shape its development— including spectrum policy—for the long term. [[read more](#) – subscription required].

SPECTRUM

Ofcom sets out Radio Spectrum Strategy

Source: Advanced Television

Ofcom’s new strategy – Supporting the UK’s Wireless Future – explains how it plans to do this during the course of the 2020s – ensuring everyone can access the airwaves they need to innovate and bring better services to people. [[read more](#)].

CYBER SECURITY

US, Europe condemn China for ‘Malicious’ Microsoft Cyberattack

Source: Euractiv

The United States on Monday (19 July) accused Beijing of carrying out a massive hack of Microsoft email servers and charged four Chinese nationals as it rallied the EU and other allies in rare joint statement condemning “malicious” cyber activity from China. [[read more](#)].

ECOMMERCE

Over 500 Million eCommerce Users in Europe in 2021

Source: eCommerce News Europe

Ecommerce in Europe is set to cross a major milestone in 2021, as the number of ecommerce users will probably pass 500 million. [[read more](#)].